Obituary

Giovanni Di Chiro
1926–1997

Giovanni Di Chiro passed away a few months ago. An emotional memorial ceremony organized by NIH was held in Bethesda on September 12th. All his associates, colleagues, family and some of his best friends were invited to celebrate the life of one of the most extraordinary neuroscientists. He worked up until his death at the NIH Clinical Center where he arrived in January 1958 to be chief of the Section of Neuroradiology, a position founded for him. All the most original contributions in the field of neuroimaging have been made under his guidance including CT advances, PET imaging and Spectroscopy. Giovanni trained in Serafimer known at the time for having the best conventional technique. He has left the NIH with one of the most prestigious neuroimaging departments using the most advanced techniques of the century. Giovanni was not only an extraordinary scientist but also a man of immense culture, open to all the different aspects of literature, philosophy, politics and history of civilization. He loved music as well, especially songs of his childhood, classical music and Italian opera. He was also an unforgettable friend and certainly an extraordinary husband and father to Barbara, Giovanna, Marco and Patrick.

I would again like to express my sincere condolences to the family.

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